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The meeting was called to order at 3.25 p.m.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT: I apologize for the delay in starting the meeting this afternoon. I am sure everybody appreciates that we are racing against time to see that all documents are ready for the last meeting in this period of the session. I hope we shall finish today.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY ON THE CYCLONE IN SAMOA

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Before we turn to the first item on our agenda for this meeting, may I on behalf of all the members of the Assembly extend our deepest sympathy to the Government and the people of Samoa on the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which have resulted from the recent cyclone.

May I also express the hope that the international community will show its solidarity and respond promptly and generously to any request for help.

Ms. MAUALA (Samoa): My delegation wishes to express our deeply felt gratitude and sincere thanks to you and to all the members of the General Assembly for the sympathy you have just expressed to our Government and people with regard to cyclone Val. This will be conveyed to them and we know this expression of international solidarity will be a source of comfort and consolation to them.

While at this time we do not yet know the full extent of the damage done, we are aware that cyclone Val, which began its dreadful destruction on 6 December, has left utter devastation in its wake. Reports from those who have flown over the area have said that the extent of the damage is beyond belief and, in fact, the entire country has been hit with such tremendous force that the results have been catastrophic.

The damage and destruction have been so severe and widespread that, according to initial estimates, 80 to 90 per cent of all housing has been badly damaged or destroyed and there has been wholesale destruction of hospitals, schools and other public buildings, including our main post office and other essential government buildings and facilities. We are not yet aware of all the casualties but understand that there have been many deaths and injuries as a result of the cyclone. The majority of the population are without shelter, food or clean water. Recent reports indicate that 100 per cent of our food crops have been destroyed.

Cyclone Val is all the more a crushing blow for us as we are still in the process of rehabilitation from cyclone Ofa of February 1990. With the help of the international community and mammoth efforts on the part of the Government a great deal of progress had been made. This has now all been swept away by

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this cyclone, which from accounts is at least 50 per cent more devastating than cyclone Ofa was, resulting in massive damage to our painstakingly rebuilt infrastructure.

However, the Samoan Government and people, we know, will not allow this set-back to daunt them and will face the overwhelming task of rebuilding once again, strengthened by the help of God and the support and generosity of the international community. We wish to sincerely thank all those countries and organizations that have already come to our aid, particularly our neighbours Australia and New Zealand, which flew in emergency supplies just as soon as it was possible. The response of all our friends in the international community has been swift and generous and for this we are profoundly grateful.

Our neighbour, American Samoa, has also suffered greatly from cyclone Val and our thoughts and prayers go to our brothers and sisters there as well.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I should like to inform representatives that I intend to make a statement at the closing of this afternoon's meeting, which is our last meeting before the Assembly adjourns.

Before we begin our consideration of the items on our agenda for this afternoon, I should like to inform delegations that, owing to the time required for the processing of documentation, we are going to proceed to take up the agenda items in a different order from that announced in the Journal.

I thank members for their cooperation and understanding.

(The President)

AGENDA ITEM 18 (continued)

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

(h) APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN

(i) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES: NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/46/109)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly will first turn its attention to agenda item 18 (h), concerning the appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

Members will recall that, at the 45th plenary meeting, on 13 November, I informed the Assembly that the terms of office of the present five members of the Consultative Committee appointed under General Assembly decisions 43/325 of 9 December 1988 and 45/318 of 12 December 1990 would expire on 31 December 1991 and that, following consultations, I had appointed Denmark and Uganda as members of the Consultative Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1992.

Following further consultations, I have appointed the Bahamas as a member of the Consultative Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1992. If I hear no objection, I shall consider that the General Assembly takes note of this appointment.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Regarding the remaining two vacancies, I intend to hold further consultations with the Asian and Eastern European States; therefore, I propose that the Assembly keep this

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subitem on the agenda of the forty-sixth session. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Assembly agrees to that procedure.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I call on the representative of Kuwait on a point of order.

Mr. AL SALLAH (Kuwait) (interpretation from Arabic): Kuwait is currently Chairman of the Group of Asian States and since there are no candidates from Asia for the membership of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, I should like to inform you that Indonesia has put forward the name of Mrs. Santhoso as a candidate for this post and seeks a mandate from the General Assembly for the appointment of Mrs. Santhoso to this post.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): If I hear no objection, I shall consider that the General Assembly agrees to this candidate.

It was so decided.

The President (interpretation from Arabic): This concludes this stage of our consideration of agenda item 18 (h).

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We turn now to agenda item 18 (i), "Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences".

Members will recall that at the 45th meeting, on 13 November, I informed them that, in connection with agenda item 18 (i), the General Assembly had before it a note by the Secretary-General issued as document A/46/109 and that, as indicated in that document, the General Assembly, by its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, had decided that the Committee on Conferences should be composed of 21 members to be appointed by the President of the Assembly, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, for a period of three years, on the basis of geographical distribution.

Members will recall that I also informed the Assembly that, after consultations with the Chairmen of the Groups of Asian States, Eastern European States, Latin American and Caribbean States, and Western European and other States, I had appointed Honduras, Hungary, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jamaica and Turkey as members of the Committee on Conferences for a period of three years beginning on 1 January 1992.

Following further consultations with the Chairman of the Group of African States, I have appointed Mozambique and Senegal as members of the Committee on Conferences for a period of three years beginning on 1 January 1992.

May I take it that the Assembly takes note of these appointments?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 18 (i).

AGENDA ITEM 42

ARMED ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST THE IRAQI NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS AND ITS GRAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM CONCERNING THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly decided on 20 September 1991 to include item 42 in the agenda of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly.

May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to defer consideration of this item to a later date during this session and to include it in the draft agenda of the forty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): This concludes our consideration of agenda item 42.

AGENDA ITEM 43

LAUNCHING OF GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): In connection with agenda item 43, representatives will recall that on 20 September 1991 the Assembly decided to include this item in the agenda of the forty-sixth session.

May I take it that it is the Assembly's wish to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the forty-seventh session?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): This concludes our consideration of agenda item 43.

AGENDA ITEM 44

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): It is my understanding that there is no request to consider agenda item 44 at the present session.

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to defer consideration of this item to the forty-seventh session and to include it in the provisional agenda of that session?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): This concludes our consideration of agenda item 44.

AGENDA ITEMS 104 TO 108, 111 TO 113, 114 (continued), 116 TO 118, 120, 122, 136, 146, 12 (continued) AND 18 (continued)

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/792)

REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/817)

PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1990-1991: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/807)

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1992-1993: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/830)

PROGRAMME PLANNING: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/800)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COORDINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS WITH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/793)

JOINT INSPECTION UNIT: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/781)

PATTERN OF CONFERENCES: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/815)

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/818)

UNITED NATIONS COMMON SYSTEM: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/808)

UNITED NATIONS PENSION SYSTEM: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/816)

FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/819)

FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/820)

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FINANCING OF THE ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 687 (1991): REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/822)

FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADVANCE MISSION IN CAMBODIA: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/823)

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL:

(a) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/794)

(b) CHAPTERS CONSIDERED DIRECTLY IN PLENARY MEETING (A/46/3, CHAPTERS I, IV (SECTION F), VIII AND IX)

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

(a) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/809)

(b) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/810)

(c) APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/811)

(d) CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/812)

(e) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/813)

(f) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/814)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I call on the Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Mahmoud Barimani, to present the reports of the Fifth Committee in one intervention.

Mr. BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee: As Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee, I have the honour of appearing before the General Assembly, under your presidency, Sir, to introduce the Committee's reports on agenda items allocated to it.

(Mr. Barimani, Rapporteur, Fifth Committee)

You will recall, Sir, that 25 agenda items were allocated to the Fifth Committee in your letter to the Chairman of the Committee dated 20 September 1991. In addition, agenda item 146, "Financing of the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia", was allocated to the Fifth Committee on 4 November 1991.

From 24 September to 20 December 1991 the Fifth Committee held 57 formal meetings and 64 informal consultations. I shall now give a brief report on the result of the Fifth Committee's work.

The Fifth Committee's report on agenda item 12, "Report of the Economic and Social Council", is contained in document A/46/794. In paragraph 4 of its report the Committee recommends that the General Assembly adopt a draft decision taking note of chapters I, IV (section F) and VII (sections B and D) of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

The Fifth Committee's report on agenda item 104, "Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors", appears in document A/46/792. In paragraph 10 of this report the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution which was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

The Fifth Committee's report on agenda item 105, "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations", is contained in document A/46/817. Under this item the Committee recommends adoption of the draft resolution in paragraph 8 and the draft decision in paragraph 9.

The report of the Fifth Committee contained in document A/46/807 relates to agenda item 106, "Programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991". In this report the Committee recommends to the Assembly the adoption of the draft resolutions in paragraph 3 and the draft decisions in paragraph 4.

(Mr. Barimani, Rapporteur, Fifth Committee)

With regard to agenda item 107, "Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993", the report of the Fifth Committee is to be found in the five sections of document A/46/830.

The report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 108, "Programme planning", is contained in document A/46/800, and the pertinent draft resolution appears in paragraph 41.

The Fifth Committee's report in document A/46/793 relates to agenda item 111, "Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency". Under this agenda item the Committee recommends adoption of a draft decision, which appears in paragraph 6 of the report.

On agenda item 112, "Joint Inspection Unit", the Committee recommends that an in-depth discussion of the annual reports of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1990 to 1991 and 1991 to 1992 be conducted at the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly and that at the same session the Assembly consider the desirability and possibility of biennializing this agenda item in the context of the ongoing efforts to improve the work of the Fifth Committee. The Committee's report on this agenda item is contained in document A/46/781.

Agenda item 113, "Pattern of conferences", was thoroughly reviewed by the Committee, which has presented a draft resolution for approval by the General Assembly in its report in document A/46/815 of 19 December 1991. While covering a wide range of issues related to conference servicing, the draft resolution reflects the constant search for optimum utilization of conference services and recommends a number of measures to achieve that goal.

Agenda item 114, "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations", was perhaps one of the most critical items

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the Committee had to tackle, since it directly determined the financial future of the Organization. Although the negotiation process was extremely arduous and time consuming, the Committee experienced many of its finest moments in building a delicate and balanced compromise package and adopting it by consensus. The relevant draft resolution for approval by the General Assembly is contained in the Committee's report in document A/46/818.

Considerable effort was also devoted to an attempt to achieve a consensus on agenda item 115, "Personnel questions". The Committee was, however, not able to complete its work and recommends to the General Assembly that the item be kept under review and that it be dealt with at a later stage of the forty-sixth session.

Agenda item 116, "United Nations common system", and agenda item 117, "United Nations pension system", were reviewed together by the Committee owing to the linkage between the two items. Given the importance of these two items for the common systems, the Committee carefully reviewed every aspect of the issues and again came to a consensus conclusion, as reflected in the two relevant draft resolutions contained, respectively, in the Committee's reports in documents A/46/808 and A/46/816 and submitted to the General Assembly for its approval.

Regarding the agenda items on the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping and related operations, the Committee recommends for adoption by the General Assembly six draft resolutions, which are contained in documents A/46/819, A/46/820, A/46/821, A/46/822 and A/46/823, respectively. These draft resolutions cover the following agenda items: 118 (a), "United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF)"; 118 (b), "United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL)"; 120, "United Nations Angola Verification Mission

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(UNAVEM)"; 122, "United Nations Observer Group in Central America (UNOCA)"; 136 (a), "United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM)" and 146, "United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia (UNAMIC)".

The Committee recommends that the remaining agenda items on peace-keeping and related operations be deferred to a later stage of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly. Those items are: 109, "Current financial crisis of the United Nations"; 110, "Financial emergency of the United Nations"; 119, "Financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG)"; 121, "Financing of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG)"; 123, "Adminstrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations"; 138, "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)" and 139, "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL)".

The Committee completed its work on agenda item 18, "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments", and has reported the result in its reports in documents A/46/809, A/46/810, A/46/811, A/46/812, A/46/813 and A/46/814.

It is well known that the Fifth Committee always finishes its work somewhat behind schedule. I wish to point out that, in addition to the fact that the Fifth Committee has to tackle a heavy and ever-increasing workload, the Committee deeply cherishes its traditional achievement of consensus, which is a time-consuming and often difficult but, when achieved, extremely rewarding process. This is important to all the delegations on the Committee, and we are proud that consensus has been achieved on all the decisions taken by the Committee this year.

(Mr. Barimani, Rapporteur, Fifth Committee)

The Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly adopt all the draft resolutions and decisions it has submitted to the Assembly.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee that are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote.

The positions of delegations regarding the various recommendations of the Fifth Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of General Assembly decision 34/401 the General Assembly agreed that

> "When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, that is, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee."

May I also remind Members that, still in accordance with decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Fifth Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Fifth Committee.

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The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/792) on agenda item 104, "Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report. The Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 46/183).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 104.

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The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/793) on agenda item 111, entitled "Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency".

The Assembly will take action on the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of that report. The Fifth Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 111.

We turn now to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/781) on agenda item 112, "Joint Inspection Unit".

The Assembly will take action on the draft decision contained in paragraph 6 of that report. The draft decision was adopted by the Fifth Committee without objection. May I take it that the General Assembly too wishes to adopt the draft decision?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 112.

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/794) on agenda item 12, dealing with those chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council that were allocated to the Fifth Committee.

The General Assembly will take action on the draft decision contained in paragraph 4 of that report of the Fifth Committee.

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The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of this draft decision. May I take it that the Assembly adopts the draft decision?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly has concluded its consideration of those chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council that were allocated to the Fifth Committee.

The Assembly will now turn to the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/46/3). Members will recall that chapters I, IV (section F), VIII and IX of that report were assigned for consideration to plenary meetings. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to take note of those chapters of the report?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): That concludes our consideration of chapters I, IV (section F), VIII and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council. We have now therefore concluded our consideration of all the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

The Assembly will now consider the reports of the Fifth Committee on subitems (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of agenda item 18, "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointements".

I invite members to turn their attention first to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/809) on agenda item 18 (a), entitled "Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions". In paragraph 7 of that report, the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should appoint the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of

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office beginning on 1 January 1992: Mr. Ahmad Fathi Al-Masri, Mr. Kwaku Dua Dankwa, Mr. Zoran Lazarevic, Mr. Besley Maycock and Mr. C. S. M. Mselle.

May I take it that the Assembly appoints those persons?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We come now to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/810) on agenda item 18 (b), entitled "Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions". In paragraph 4 of that report, the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should appoint the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1992: Mr. Kenshiroh Akimoto, Mr. David Etuket, Mr. John Fox, Mr. Ion Gorita, Mr. Imre Karbuczky and Mr. Vanu Gopala Menon.

May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to appoint those persons?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I invite members now to turn their attention to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/811) on agenda item 18 (c), entitled "Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors". In paragraph 4 of that report the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should appoint the Comptroller and Auditor-General of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1992.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to approve that appointment?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I now invite members to turn their attention to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/812) on agenda item 18 (d), entitled "Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee". The Fifth Committee recommends in paragraph 4 of that report that the General Assembly should confirm the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee: for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1992 - Mr. Ahmed Abdullatif, Mr. Aloysio de Andrade Faria and Mr. Stanislaw Raczkowski; and for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1992 - Ms. Francine Bovich.

May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to confirm the appointment of those persons?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now come to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/813) dealing with the appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal under agenda item 18 (e).

In paragraph 4 of that report the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should appoint the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1992: Ms. Balanda Mikuin Leliel, Mr. Samarendra Sen and Mr. Hubert Thierry.

May I consider that the Assembly appoints those persons?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Lastly, we turn to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/814) on agenda item 18 (f), entitled "Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee".

In paragraph 6 of that report, the Fifth Committee recommends that the General Assembly should appoint the following persons as members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1992: Mr. Jorge Duhalt, Mr. Tadanori Inomata, Mr. Michael Okeyo and Ms. Susan Shearouse; and should appoint the following persons as alternate members for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1992: Mr. Mohamed Ferid Belhaj, Mr. Leonid Bidny, Mr. Richard Kinchen and Mr. Ranjit Rae.

May I take it that the General Assembly appoints those persons?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): That concludes our consideration of agenda items 18 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

We are waiting for the other documents that we require, and we shall continue the meeting as soon as we receive them.

The meeting was suspended at 4:10 p.m. and resumed at 6:35 p.m.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We shall now turn to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/807 and Corr.1) on agenda item 106, "Programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991".

The Assembly will consider the three draft resolutions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 3 of its report and the four draft decisions recommended by it in paragraph 4.

We shall first take decisions on the three draft resolutions in paragraph 3 of the report.

Draft resolution A concerns the final budget appropriation for the biennium 1990-1991.

The Fifth Committee recommends the adoption of draft resolution A. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do so?

Draft resolution A was adopted (resolution 46/184 A).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution B deals with the final income estimates for 1990-1991.

The Fifth Committee recommends the adoption of draft resolution B.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do so?

Draft resolution B was adopted (resolution 46/184 B).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution C concerns the net appropriations for the biennium 1990-1991.

The Fifth Committee recommends the adoption of draft resolution C. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to act accordingly?

Draft resolution C was adopted (resolution 46/184 C).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We shall now turn to four draft decisions contained in paragraph 4 of the report.

(The President)

Draft decision I is entitled "Establishment of a United Nations Information Center at Windhoek".

The Fifth Committee recommends the adoption of this draft decision. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt it?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft decision II is entitled "Standards of accommodation for air travel".

The Fifth Committee recommends that the Assembly adopt this draft decision. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do so?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft decision III is entitled "Effects of inflation and currency fluctuation".

The Fifth Committee recommends the adoption of draft decision III. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt it?

Draft decision III was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Lastly, we turn to draft decision IV, concerning the revised estimates under Income section 3.

The Fifth Committee recommends the adoption of this draft decision. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do so?

Draft decision IV was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 106.

We turn now to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/830) on agenda item 107, "Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993".

(The President)

The Assembly will take decisions on the four draft resolutions recommended in paragraph 7 of the Fifth Committee's report. At the moment, these draft resolutions are contained in document A/C.5/46/L.18 (part IV) and Corr. 1.

The Assembly will first consider draft resolution I, entitled "Questions related to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993".

The Fifth Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 46/185 A, B and C).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn now to draft resolution II, entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993".

The Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 46/186 A, B and C).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to draft resolution III, entitled "Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 1992-1993".

Draft resolution III was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 46/187).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Finally, we turn to draft resolution IV, which deals with the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 1992-1993.

Draft resolution IV was also adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 46/188).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I now call on the representative of the Netherlands, who wishes to make a statement in explanation of position.

Mr. SPAANS (Netherlands): The Netherlands delegation has the honour to speak on behalf of the 12 member States of the European Community on a draft resolution that the General Assembly has just adopted without a vote, concerning the programme budget for 1992-1993.

The Twelve are pleased that it has been possible to adopt this draft resolution through intensive negotiations that were held in a spirit of

(Mr. Spaans, Netherlands)

cooperation and compromise. We believe that the United Nations is well served by the process through which we have adopted this draft resolution.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The General Assembly has concluded its consideration of agenda item 107.

I now invite members to turn their attention to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/800) on agenda item 108, entitled "Programme planning".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 41 of the report.

The Fifth Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 46/189).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The General Assembly has concluded its consideration of agenda item 108.

The General Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/815) on agenda item 113, entitled "Pattern of conferences".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 46/190).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly has concluded its consideration of agenda item 113.

The Assembly will consider next the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/808) on agenda item 116, entitled "United Nations common system".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report.

(The President)

The draft resolution, entitled "United Nations common system: report of the International Civil Service Commission", was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 46/191).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 116.

We turn now to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/816) regarding agenda item 117, entitled "United Nations pension system".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution contained in paragraph 7 of the report.

The Fifth Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 46/192).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 117.

The Assembly will now consider the reports of the Fifth Committee A/46/819 and A/46/824 on agenda item 118, regarding the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East.

We shall first consider the report (A/46/819) of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 118 (a), which relates to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force.

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of the report; the draft resolution is, for the moment, contained in document A/C.5/46/L.9.

(The President)

The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 46/193).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly will now consider the report (A/46/824) of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 118 (b), which relates to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

The Assembly will take action on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of the report; the draft resolution is, for the time being, contained in document A/C.5/46/L.10.

The draft resolution was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 46/194).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I call on the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, who wishes to explain his delegation's position.

Mr. KHANI (Syrian Arab Republic) (interpretation from Arabic): My delegation would like to explain its position concerning the draft resolution in document A/46/819, on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force; and the draft resolution in document A/46/824, on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

If these two draft resolutions had been put to a vote, we would have voted against them, in accordance with the position of principle we have expressed in the General Assembly, to the effect that the two forces should be financed by the occupying Power whose aggression led to their creation.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We have concluded our consideration of agenda items 118 (a) and 118 (b).

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/820) on agenda item 120, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 6 of the report of the Fifth Committee; the draft resolution is, for the moment, contained in document A/C.5/46/L.11.

The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution A/46/195).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly has concluded its consideration of agenda item 120.

(The President)

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/821) on agenda item 122, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 6 of the report of the Fifth Committee; this draft resolution is, for the moment, contained in document A/C.5/46/L.12.

The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution A/46/196).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 122.

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/822) on agenda item 136 (a), on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission.

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended in paragraph 6 of the Committee's report; the draft resolution is, for the moment, contained in document A/C.5/46/L.7.

The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution A/46/197).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 136 (a).

The Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/832) on agenda item 146, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia".

(The President)

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report; the draft resolution is, for the moment, contained in document A/C.5/46/L.6.

The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution A/46/198).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 146.

AGENDA ITEMS 12 (continued), 77 (continued) and 82

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL:

(a) REPORTS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (PARTS I AND III) (A/46/727 and Add.2)

(b) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/801)

(c) LETTER FROM MADAGASCAR

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION:

(a) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT:

(i) REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (PART III) (A/46/645/Add.2)

(ii) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/786)

(e) ENVIRONMENT:

(i) REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (PART VII) (A/46/645/Add.6)

(ii) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/791)

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT:

(a) REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/46/732)

(b) DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/46/L.54)

(c) REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/796)

The PRESIDENT: I request the Rapporteur of the Second Committee, Mr. Martin Rakotonaivo, to present the reports of the Second Committee in one intervention.

Mr. RAKOTONAIVO (Madagascar), Rapporteur of the Second Committee (interpretation from French): I have the honour to present the report of the Second Committee (A/46/727 and Add.2) on agenda item 12, entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

In paragraph 41 of document A/46/727 the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of five draft resolutions. Draft resolutions II, IV and V were adopted without a vote, while recorded votes were taken on draft resolutions I and III.

In paragraph 42 of document A/46/727 the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of three draft decisions, which it adopted without a vote.

In document A/46/727/Add.2, the Second Committee's recommendations are contained in paragraphs 33 and 34.

In paragraph 33 the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of three draft resolutions, which it adopted without a vote, and in paragraph 34 it recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of three draft decisions, which it also adopted without a vote.

I turn now to agenda item 77 (a), entitled "Development and international economic cooperation: trade and development". In paragraph 40 of the report of the Second Committee (A/46/641/Add.2), the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of eight draft resolutions. In paragraph 41 it recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft decision.

(Mr. Rakotonaivo, Rapporteur, Second Comittee)

With the exception of draft resolution IV, entitled "Economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries", on which the Second Committee took a recorded a vote, all the draft proposals contained in the report were adopted without a vote.

The General Assembly also has before it the Second Committee's report (A/46/645/Add.6) on agenda item 77 (e), entitled "Development and international economic cooperation: environment". In paragraph 39 of the report, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of three draft resolutions. Draft resolutions I and III were adopted without a vote, while a recorded vote was taken on draft resolution II. In paragraph 40 the Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of three draft decisions, which it adopted without a vote.

Finally, the General Assembly has before it document A/46/732, containing the Second Committee's report on agenda item 82, "Operational activities for development". In paragraph 28 of the report the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution which it adopted without a vote, and in paragraph 29 it recommends to the Assembly the adoption of three draft decisions, which it also adopted without a vote.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee which are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote.

(The President)

The positions of delegations regarding the various recommendations of the Second Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401 the General Assembly agreed that

> "When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, that is, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee."

May I remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Second Committee, I should like to advise members that, unless delegations have already notified the Secretariat that they wish to do otherwise, we shall take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Second Committee. This means that where separate votes or recorded votes were taken we shall do the same thing.

I would express the hope that we shall be able to proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Second Committee.

I now invite members to turn their attention to parts I and III of the report of the Second Committee (A/46/727 and A/46/727/Add.2) on agenda item 12, "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

(The President)

May I remind representatives that the Assembly considered part II of the report (A/46/727/Add.1) at the 64th plenary meeting, on 5 December.

The Assembly will now consider parts I and III of the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 12.

The Assembly has before it five draft resolutions and three draft decisions contained in part I of the report of the Second Committee (A/46/727) and three draft resolutions and three draft decisions contained in part III of the report (A/46/727/Add.2).

In connection with draft resolution III in part III of the report, a letter from the representative of Madagascar has been circulated in document A/46/787. The Assembly will consider the request contained in that letter when it takes up the draft resolutions.

I shall put the recommendations of the Second Committee to the Assembly one by one. After all the decisions have been taken, representatives will again have an opportunity to explain their votes or positions.

We now turn to part I of the report of the Second Committee (A/46/727). The Assembly will first take decisions on the five draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 41.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Adverse economic effects of Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied since 1967".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Abstaining: Bulgaria, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Germany, Kenya, Netherlands, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay

Draft resolution I was adopted by 125 votes to 2, with 9 abstentions (resolution 46/199).*

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution II is entitled "Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1993-1994".

The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 46/200).

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* Subsequently, the delegation of Mauritania advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour; the delegations of Belarus, Ukraine and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics had intended to abstain.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution III is entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Israel, United States of America

Abstaining: None

Draft resolution III was adopted by 137 votes to 2 (resolution 46/201).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I call on the representative of the Netherlands.

Mr. MAJOOR (Netherlands): With regard to draft resolution IV, I should like to indicate before it is adopted by consensus, as recommended, that a technical change must be made in paragraph 4. In its third and fourth lines the phrase should read: "not reduce or divert official development assistance, including food aid". The words "the resources and" should be deleted; they do not appear in the text we agreed on in the Second Committee.

The PRESIDENT: That technical change will be made.

(spoke in Arabic)

Draft resolution IV is entitled "Impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic co-operation".

The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 46/202).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution V is entitled "Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)".

The draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 46/203).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly will now turn to the three draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 42 of part I of its report (A/46/727).

Draft decision I is entitled "Phase II of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994".

(The President)

The Second Committee adopted draft decision I without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft decision II is entitled "Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council".

The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft decision. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do so?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft decision III, entitled "Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1992-1993", is also recommended for adoption by the Second Committee. May I consider that the Assembly wishes to do so?

Draft decision III was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I now invite representatives to turn to part III of the report of the Second Committee (A/46/727/Add.2).

The Assembly will first take a decision on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 33 of that report.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Special assistance to Namibia".

The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 46/204).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution II is entitled "Convening of an international conference on the financing of development".

(The President)

Draft resolution II was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 46/205).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution III is entitled "Report of the Committee for Development Planning: criteria for identifying the least developed countries". The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme-budget implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/46/801.

In connection with this draft resolution, I should like to draw the attention of the Assembly to a letter (A/46/787) from the representative of Madagascar addressed to the Secretary-General informing him that the Malagasy Government endorses the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning on the inclusion of Madagascar in the group of least developed countries, that the letter should be taken as an expression of Madagascar's due consent as set forth in draft resolution III and that, accordingly, the Malagasy delegation wishes to have Madagascar added to the list of countries contained in paragraph 6 of draft resolution III.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to add Madagascar to the list of countries contained in paragraph 6 of draft resolution III?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution III was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same, bearing in mind the decision just taken?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 46/206).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly will now turn to the three draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 34 of part III of its report (A/46/727/Add.2).

Draft decision I is entitled "Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa".

The Second Committee adopted this draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft decision II is entitled "Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar".

This draft decision was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft decision III is entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000)".

The Second Committee adopted this draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision III was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I shall now call on those representatives who wish to explain their votes or positions on the resolutions just adopted.

Mr. SEZAKI (Japan): My delegation would like to refer to draft resolution III in the report of the Second Committee in document A/46/727/Add.2, on the report of the Economic and Social Council. This draft resolution is entitled "Report of the Committee for Development Planning: criteria for identifying the least developed countries", and the Assembly has just adopted it by consensus.

(Mr. Sezaki, Japan)

While my delegation decided to support the draft resolution in the spirit of consensus, after careful consideration of the debate in the Second Committee, I should like briefly to comment on the aid policy of the Government of Japan with respect to the adoption of new criteria for identifying least developed countries.

(Mr. Sezaki, Japan)

Japan has consistently extended development assistance to those countries on the United Nations list of least developed countries, and that has included debt-relief grants provided in accordance with the resolution S/IX/165 of the Trade and Development Board. I wish to state that, without prejudice to the aid policy to least developed countries it has followed so far, the Government of Japan will have to study whether it will be able to provide the debt-relief grant assistance to which I have just referred to the countries which this resolution adds to the list of least developed countries.

I should like to take this occasion to reaffirm my Government's commitment to continue to support the efforts of the least developed countries to solve the problems confronting them, as well as the great importance it continues to attach to implementation of the programme of action for the least developed countries for the 1990s.

Mr. SZEDLACSKO (Hungary): I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, Poland and my own country, Hungary.

It gives me great pleasure to stress that delegations, after long and - let us admit, painful - negotiations, joined in the consensus on the draft resolution - submitted under agenda item 12 - which is entitled "Impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation", and which is contained in document A/46/727.

We should like to thank the Chairman of the Group of 77, whose diplomatic skill and understanding of the interests of all negotiating parties helped us to reach an agreement on the text of the draft resolution presented by his Group as a follow-up to the high-level meeting held at Geneva in July 1991.

(Mr. Szedlacsko, Hungary)

The revolutionary changes that have occurred in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe overturned the old order, terminating the decades-long cold war. One should not underestimate the positive aspects of those changes in their political as well as their economic dimensions. We are deeply convinced that this recent evolution in East-West relations will be beneficial to all countries, including those which were particularly closely linked to the countries of the former Eastern bloc.

In the last paragraph of the resolution just adopted, the General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report on, inter alia, the implementation of the resolution. Realizing the difficulties in collecting statistical data as well as the analytical problems, we know that we are imposing on the Secretariat an extremely difficult task. Let us assure the Assembly that the Secretariat can rely on our assistance and understanding the the preparation of this report.

Mr. KUFUOR (Ghana): I wish to make a statement on the adoption of draft resolution IV in document A/46/727, particularly in the light of the statement made by the representative of Czechoslovakia.

Draft resolution IV was one of the difficult texts negotiated in the Second Committee. During those negotiations the opinions of all delegations were taken into account.

In the course of the discussion on the draft resolution, particularly in relation to paragraph 7 to which the representative of Hungary adverted, the Secretariat did not give any indication that the request that was being made by the General Assembly to the Secretary-General was too difficult to implement. No statement to that effect was made. Indeed, the concern expressed by the representative of Hungary was not raised in the Second

(Mr. Kufuor, Ghana)

Committee. We hope that the Secretariat will provide the information requested in paragraph 7 of draft resolution IV, which the Assembly has adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The assembly has concluded its consideration of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council allocated to the Second Committee, and of agenda item 12.

We now turn to part III of the report of the Second Committee (A/46/645/Add.2), on agenda item 77 (a), "Development and international economic cooperation: trade and development".

The Assembly will take a decision on the eight draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 40 of its report and on the draft decision recommended by the Committee in paragraph 41 of that report.

The Assembly will turn first to the eight draft resolutions contained in paragraph 40 of the report of the Second Committee.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade".

This draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 46/207).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution II, entitled "Environment and international trade," was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 46/208).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The representative of Cuba has asked to make a statement on a point of order, and I now call upon him.

Mr. FERNANDEZ de COS[SIO DOMINGUEZ] (Cuba) (interpretation from Spanish): Despite an error in the pagination of the Spanish version of the report in document A/46/645/Add.2 - to which we have drawn the Secretariat's attention - my delegation will not oppose the adoption of the recommendations in the report since the error does not exist in the English version, the original text.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Due note is taken of the statement of the representative of Cuba, and the error will be corrected in the final documentation.

Draft resolution III, "Trade and Development Board," was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 46/209).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution IV is entitled "Economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining: Albania, Argentina, Belarus, Greece, Panama, Republic of Korea, Spain, Ukraine, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Draft resolution IV was adopted by 97 votes to 30, with 9 abstentions (resolution A/46/210).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution V is entitled "Adjustment of the Trade Control Measures Information System of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as called for by the General Assembly in resolution 45/210".

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The Second Committee adopted draft resolution V without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution V was adopted (resolution 46/211).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution VI is entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries".

This draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes also to adopt the draft resolution?

Draft resolution VI was adopted (resolution 46/212).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution VII is entitled "United Nations/International Maritime Organization Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Draft Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages". The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme-budget implications of this draft resolution is contained in document A/46/786.

This draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes likewise to adopt the draft resolution?

Draft resolution VII was adopted (resolution 46/213).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution VIII is entitled "International code of conduct on the transfer of technology".

This draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution VIII was adopted (resolution 46/214).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We turn now to the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 41 of its report (A/46/645/Add.2). The draft decision is entitled "Note by the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of the land-locked developing countries".

The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft decision. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt it?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I shall now call on representatives wishing to speak in explanation of vote or position.

Mr. SERSALE di CERISANO (Argentina) (interpretation from Spanish): With respect to draft resolution IV, "Economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries", my delegation's vote is a mark of Argentina's concern about the lack of dialogue between the parties at the time the text was being drafted. We are ready to help avoid such situations in the future and to ensure that the United Nations and the Economic and Social Council focus on the development of developing countries.

Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines): The Philippines abstained in the Second Committee's vote on draft resolution IV, "Economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries". The Philippines has revised its position, and this evening cast a vote in favour of the draft resolution. This is in line with the full solidarity of the Philippines with the position of the Group of 77.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 77 (a).

We turn now to part VII of the report of the Second Committee (A/46/645/Add.6), on agenda item 77 (e), entitled "Development and international economic cooperation: environment".

I call on the representative of Oman.

Mr. AL-SAMEEN (Oman) (interpretation from Arabic): While my delegation supports draft resolution I in document A/46/645/Add.6), entitled "Large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas", I wish to convey the wish of the Sultanate of Oman that its name be deleted from the list of sponsors of this draft resolution, as we had indicated earlier to the secretariat of the Second Committee.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Note has been taken of the statement by the representative of Oman.

The General Assembly will now take decisions on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 39 of its report (A/46/645/Add.6) and the four draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 40 of that report. I shall put the Second Committee's recommendations to the Assembly one by one. After action has been taken on all recommendations, representatives will again have an opportunity to speak in explanation of vote or position.

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We shall first turn to the three draft resolutions contained in paragraph 39 of the report of the Second Committee.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas".

The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 46/215)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution II is entitled "International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait". The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme-budget implications of this draft resolution is contained in document A/46/791.

A separate vote has been requested on the second preambular paragraph of draft resolution II.

Since there appear to be no objections to that request, I shall first put to the vote the second preambular paragraph of draft resolution II.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia,

Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: Iraq

Abstaining: None

The second preambular paragraph of draft resolution II was retained by 124 votes to 1.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I now put to the vote draft resolution II as a whole.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia,

Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against: None

Abstaining: Iraq

Draft resolution II as a whole was adopted by 135 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 46/216).*

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft resolution III is entitled "International cooperation in the monitoring, assessment and anticipation of environmental threats and in assistance in cases of environmental emergencies".

The Second Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 46/217).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We now turn to the four draft decisions contained in paragraph 40 of the report of the Second Committee (A/46/645/Add.6).

The Second Committee adopted without a vote draft decision 1, entitled "Environment and agricultural policies". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted.

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* Subsequently, the delegations of Cyprus and the United States of America advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft decision II, entitled "Report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts on the Impact of Global Economic and Political Change on the Development Process", was also adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft decision III is entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme".

This draft decision was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision III was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Second Committee recommends for adoption draft decision IV, entitled "Documents relating to environment". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt this draft decision?

Draft decision IV was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I now call on the representative of Turkey, who wishes to speak in explanation of his delegation's position.

Mr. TANLAY (Turkey) (interpretation from French): My delegation expressed its support by participating in the consensus on the draft resolution entitled "Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas", which refers to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea in its third preambular paragraph. However, my delegation's participation in the consensus on the

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draft resolution does not in any way change its position on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

That position has been explained repeatedly, and therefore at this time I shall simply refer to the most recent statement on the matter, made by my delegation to the General Assembly on 12 December 1991. That statement appears in the verbatim record of the 71st plenary meeting of the forty-sixth session of the Assembly.

This explanation of position applies also to draft resolution VI, entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries", which was adopted today in the context of the Second Committee's report in document A/46/645/Add.2. This draft resolution, in its sixth preambular paragraph, also refers to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 77 (e) and of agenda item 77 as a whole.

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The Assembly will now consider agenda item 82, entitled "Operational activities for development". In this connection the Assembly has before it the report of the Second Committee (A/46/732), containing a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 28 and three draft decisions recommended by the Committee in paragraph 29. The Assembly also has before it a draft resolution contained in document A/46/L.54.

We shall first take decisions on the recommendations contained in the report of the Third Committee and shall then proceed to consider draft resolution A/46/L.54.

The Assembly will now take up the report of the Second Committee (A/46/732) and will take decisions on the recommendations contained in paragraphs 28 and 29 of that report.

I call on the representative of Poland, who wishes to make a statement in explanation of his delegation's position.

Mr. RYSINSKI (Poland): Poland has joined in supporting the draft resolution contained in document A/46/L.54, having reached an understanding with the coordinators of the Group of 77 on the basis of negotiations. Our understanding provides, first, for the withdrawal of Poland's amendments to the draft resolution relating to the needs and concerns of recipient countries and/or countries in transition and, secondly, for the consideration of this issue in the context of the triennial review at the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly with a view to having the needs and concerns of these countries taken into account in the relevant resolution of the General Assembly at that session.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly will first turn to the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Development Programme

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Human Development Report", recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 28 of its report (A/46/732).

The draft resolution was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 46/218).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly will now take decisions on the three draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 29 of its report.

Draft decision I is entitled "Technical cooperation among developing countries as a modality in the formulation, preparation, execution and evaluation of the projects implemented by the organs, organizations, bodies, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields".

The Second Committee adopted this draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft decision II, entitled "Strengthening of the work of the United Nations in the field of operational activities", was adopted by the Second Committee without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly also wishes to do so?

Draft decision II was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Draft decision III, entitled "Documents relating to operational activities for development", is recommended by the Second Committee for adoption. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision?

Draft decision III was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly will now consider the draft resolution contained in document A/46/L.54, entitled "Operational activities of the United Nations system".

I call on the representative of Ireland to introduce the draft resolution.

Mr. BURKE (Ireland): I have the honour to introduce, on behalf of my delegation, the draft resolution contained in document A/46/L.54. This draft resolution, which is entitled "Operational activities of the United Nations system", covers a matter that is of great importance to Member States. But for technical considerations, it would have been adopted by consensus in the Second Committee. This state of affairs is reflected in paragraph 12 of document A/46/732.

I therefore commend the draft resolution to the General Assembly for adoption without a vote.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The General Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution contained in document A/46/L.54. The report of the Fifth Committee on the programme-budget implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/46/796.

May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt the draft resolution?

Draft resolution A/46/L.54 was adopted (resolution 46/219).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I call on the representative of Japan for an explanation of position.

Mr. SEZAKI (Japan): My delegation is very pleased that the draft resolution on the Human Development Report of the United Nations Development Programme UNDP) was adopted without a vote. However, I should like to state the view of my Government on the question of the human-freedom index contained in the Human Development Report, 1991, of UNDP.

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In making decisions concerning the provision of official development assistance to a developing country, the Government of Japan takes various factors into account - one of these is the state of democracy and human rights - in the belief that it is important that all nations strive for progress in this area. Since the publication of the Human Development Report, 1991, the Japanese delegation has consistently expressed grave doubts as to the appropriateness of the incorporation of a human-freedom index. There are two reasons for this doubt.

First, the incorporation of such an index raises serious questions about the mandate and competence of UNDP. Japan has no objection to the serious study of issues related to human rights by an appropriate organ of the United Nations system, such as the United Nations Centre for Human Rights. Also, Japan is of the view that the relationship between human rights and human development should be studied further in a coordinated manner by the relevant bodies of the United Nations, including the Centre for Human Rights, the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs (DIESA) and UNDP, within their respective mandates.

Secondly, because it does not have a solid basis, the index has needlessly caused serious division between Member States. It is the earnest hope of the Japanese delegation that at its special session in February 1992 the Governing Council of UNDP will have an opportunity to discuss the problem thoroughly with a view to achieving a resolution of the division of opinion between the developed countries and the developing countries.

The PRESIDENT: I thank the representative of Japan for the important points he has raised, which are worthy of very serious consideration. (spoke in Arabic)

The Assembly has concluded its consideration of agenda item 82.

AGENDA ITEMS 105 (continued) AND 114 (continued)

REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/817)

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/46/818)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly will now turn to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/817) on agenda item 105, entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations".

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution entitled "Rationalization of the work of the Fifth Committee: biennialization of the programme of work", recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of the report. For the moment, the draft resolution is contained in document A/C.5/46/L.16.

The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 46/220).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): The Assembly will now turn to the draft decision contained in paragraph 9 of the report.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt this draft decision?

The draft decision was adopted.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 105.

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The Assembly will now turn to the report of the Fifth Committee (A/46/818) on agenda item 114, entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations".

The Assembly will take a decision on draft resolution A to D, recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. This draft resolution is, for the moment, contained in document A/C.5/46/L.20.

The Fifth Committee adopted this draft resolution without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 46/221 A to D).

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I now call on the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, who wishes to speak in explanation of his delegation's position.

Mr. BARIMANI (Islamic Republic of Iran): As has been reiterated on several occasions by my delegation during consideration of agenda item 114, the Islamic Republic of Iran has serious reservations concerning the proposed scale of assessments. However, my delegation gave its indulgence to the adoption of the proposed scale by consensus, on the understanding that the Committee on Contributions will re-examine the case of my country in accordance with paragraph 1 of the resolution which has just been adopted. Of course, in doing so, the Committee should also rely on information acquired from the International Monetary Fund.

At the same time, the Islamic Republic of Iran wishes to maintain its reservations concerning paragraphs 2 (a), 3 (f) and 4 of this resolution.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): We have concluded our consideration of agenda item 114.

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): Apart from organizational matters and matters that may arise by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, and bearing in mind the action already taken at its 31st, 45th, 56th, 69th, 70th, 72nd, 73rd and 79th plenary meetings concerning agenda items 18 (g), 18 (h), 31, 33, 35, 37, 42, 105, 107, 137, 144 and 145, it is proposed that the General Assembly retain the following items on its agenda for consideration during its forty-sixth session:

Item 3 (b): Report of the Credentials Committee;

Item 18 (g): Appointment of the members of the Joint Inspection Unit;

Item 18 (h): Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;

Item 31: The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives;

Item 33: Question of Palestine;

Item 35: The situation in the Middle East;

Item 37: Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa;

Item 42: Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security;

Item 45: Question of Cyprus;

Item 46: Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait;

Item 105: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations;

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Item 107: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993;

Item 109: Current financial crisis of the United Nations;

Item 110: Financial emergency of the United Nations;

Item 115: Personnel questions;

Item 119: Financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group;

Item 121: Financing of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group;

Item 123: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations;

Item 137: Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields;

Item 138: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara;

Item 139: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador;

Item 144: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly;

Item 145: The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti; and

Item 147: Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995.

May I take it that the Assembly agrees to this proposal?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Arabic): I now call on the representative of Denmark, who wishes to make a statement.

Mr. ANDERSON (Denmark): On behalf of the five Nordic countries - Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark - I should like to explain our position with regard to agenda items 109 and 110.

The Nordic countries deeply regret the lack of political will to reach an agreement at this session on any of the proposals by the Secretary-General concerning the financial crisis of the Organization. We are particularly concerned over the lack of action on the proposal to establish a peace-keeping reserve fund. In a situation where several new peace-keeping operations are either being launched or under active consideration, the need to lay a secure and equitable basis for funding the start-up phase of such operations is obvious.

The Nordic countries strongly feel that the General Assembly should have been able to act at this session on the only positive recommendation that the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions made with respect to the Secretary-General's proposals. Moreover, we are convinced that the establishment of a peace-keeping reserve fund enjoys broad support within the membership of the United Nations at large.

This session is about to be suspended. The Nordic countries consider it imperative that during the forty-sixth session, when it resumes, the General Assembly concur in the recommendation of the Advisory Committee, as contained in paragraph 12 of its report, that a fund be established for the financing of the start-up costs of peace-keeping operations. We look forward to addressing this issue, including its technical details.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT: It has been customary for the President of the General Assembly to make a concluding review of the deliberations of the session at this point of our work. However, since we intend to continue working actively over the coming months of the session, I shall make my overall assessment of the results of the session when it concludes in September. For now, I should like to make only a few remarks.

In presiding over this session of the General Assembly so far, I have benefited from the endeavours of each of you. The successful results achieved in the various Committees have proved that our energies have been channelled effectively, constructively and productively. Here, I should like to express my appreciation for the constructive attitude adopted by delegations during the course of the General Assembly's session, and I hope that this positive atmosphere of cooperation will continue and will grow even stronger during the remaining part of the session, over the next nine months.

I must at this point convey my sincere appreciation to all representatives for heeding my appeal with regard to the necessity of conforming to schedules and work programmes. In some meetings the requirement of a quorum was dispensed with, and we succeeded in underscoring the importance of the timetable.

In terms of the number of resolutions we were able to achieve, mergers were possible, consensus was desirable and reductions were practicable. Our main thrusts were on the rationalization of work and the displacement of quantity by quality. I feel that on both counts your success was commendable. These were no mean achievements, as you know.

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Some of the landmark accomplishments of the session so far include the institutionalization of the office of the President of the General Assembly, the strengthening of the coordination of United Nations humanitarian and emergency assistance, the efforts proceeding successfully towards the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, the smooth and efficient manner with which the budget was adopted by consensus, and the continuing consultations in the President's Ad Hoc Group on the restructuring of the United Nations Secretariat. The ongoing achievements of the President's Ad Hoc Working Groups in major fields of interest to the membership have been a source of real satisfaction to me, and to you I am sure. Some of the Ad Hoc Groups are still working, and others pertaining to major fields of interest will be established during the course of the year.

May I take this opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation again, and even more strongly, to the Secretary-General, Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar, whose close cooperation I have had the pleasure and privilege of enjoying all through this part of the session and whose dedicated services over the past 10 years in promoting the principles and purposes of the Organization we sincerely acknowledge and shall always remember.

I also thank the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly and the Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteurs of the Main Committees for their excellent work and their good spirit of cooperation.

I wish also to thank the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs, Ambassador Ronald Spiers, and the entire staff of his Department, for the great help I have received from them, and to give special thanks to the Division of General Assembly Affairs. My thanks also go

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to the Department of Conference Services, to the interpreters, translators, conference and documents officers, typists and press officers, and to the efficient security services.

In concluding, I should like to express warmest thanks to the Heads of State and Government, foreign ministers and delegations of Member States for the kind words addressed to me and to my country, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Much has been achieved over the first three months of the session, but much remains to be done during the remainder of the session. I look forward to working actively and in close cooperation with you in making the rest of the session a noteworthy success. The constructive deliberations of the General Assembly over the past three months, at a time when the world has been witnessing the heralding of a new and more positive era in international relations, has confirmed the great, effective role of the United Nations and the centrality of the General Assembly, especially in the context of the present evolving new world arrangements. I hope our work over the coming months of the session will continue to make a significant contribution to this process.

Before I suspend the session, allow me to wish you all happy holidays and to extend season's greetings.

SUSPENSION OF THE SESSION

The PRESIDENT: I declare the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly suspended.

The meeting rose at 8.20 p.m.

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(c) Note by the Secretary-General requesting reopening of the consideration of agenda item 146 (Financing of the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia) (A/46/867)

(d) Letter from Samoa requesting reopening of the consideration of agenda item 84 (Special economic and disaster relief assistance) (A/46/865)

In the absence of the President, Mr. Oudovenko (Ukraine), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.40 a.m.

AVALANCHES IN TURKEY

The PRESIDENT: May I, on behalf of all the members of the Assembly, extend our deepest sympathy to the Government and the people of Turkey for the tragic loss of life which has resulted from the recent avalanches.

Mr. KORUTURK (Turkey): I wish to express to you, Sir, the profound appreciation of the Turkish delegation for your kind words of sympathy in connection with the tragic avalanche disasters in my country and the consequent heavy loss of life.

My delegation will transmit to the Government of Turkey your expression of condolences on this sad occasion. This is a demonstration of solidarity on the part of the General Assembly which will provide comfort to those who are struggling with adversity in difficult winter conditions.

AGENDA ITEM 114 (continued)

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS (A/46/868)

The PRESIDENT: I should now like, in keeping with established practice, to invite the attention of the General Assembly to document A/46/868, which contains a letter addressed to the President of the General Assembly by the Secretary-General in which he informs the Assembly that 20 Member States are in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

I would like to remind delegations that, under Article 19 of the Charter,

"A member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in

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the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years".

May I take it that the General Assembly duly takes note of this information?

It was so decided.

AGENDA ITEM 8 (continued)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

(a) REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL SUB-ITEM SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/46/234)

(b) REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/46/235 and Add.1)

(c) NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL REQUESTING REOPENING OF THE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 146 (FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADVANCE MISSION IN CAMBODIA) (A/46/867)

(d) LETTER FROM SAMOA REQUESTING REOPENING OF THE CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM 84 (SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE) (A/46/865)

The PRESIDENT: This morning, in connection with our organization of work, we shall address the requests contained in the notes by the Secretary-General circulated in documents A/46/234, A/46/235 and A/46/867, as well as the request contained in the letter dated 27 January 1992 from Samoa (A/46/865).

Unless there is an objection, I shall take it that the General Assembly agrees that, under the circumstances described in the notes by the Secretary-General, the provision of rule 40 of the rules of procedure, which would require a meeting of the General Committee on the question of the inclusion and allocation of a sub-item and an item, should be waived.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We shall first turn to the request contained in document A/46/234.

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In his note, the Secretary-General informs the General Assembly that he has received notification of the resignation of two members of the International Civil Service Commission, Ms. Claudia Cooley of the United States of America and Mr. Michel Jean Bardoux of France, and that the Assembly will therefore be required at its forty-sixth session to appoint two persons to fill the unexpired portion of the term of office of Ms. Cooley and Mr. Bardoux - that is, until 31 December 1993.

Inasmuch as agenda item 18 of the forty-sixth session, entitled "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments", does not include a sub-item relating to the appointment to fill these two vacancies, it is proposed that an additional sub-item entitled "Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission" be included in the agenda of the forty-sixth session. It is also proposed that, in accordance with established practice, the additional sub-item be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to include under agenda item 18 the following sub-item: "(k) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission", and to allocate that sub-item to the Fifth Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: Next we turn to the request contained in the note by the Secretary-General circulated in document A/46/235. In connection with this request, a report by the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia has been issued as document A/46/235/Add.1.

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In his note, the Secretary-General, pursuant to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, requests that an additional item of an important and most urgent character, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia", be placed on the agenda of the forty-sixth session. Owing to the nature of the item, the Secretary-General further requests that the item be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to include an additional item in the agenda of the forty-sixth session, to read "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia", and to allocate that item to the Fifth Committee?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We now turn to the request contained in document A/46/867.

In his note, the Secretary-General informs the General Assembly that, in his report to the Security Council (S/23331 and Add.1) he recommended, inter alia, that the mandate of the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia be expanded to include training in mine clearance and the initiation of a de-mining programme. He further informs the Assembly that the Security Council, by its resolution 728 (1992) of 8 January 1992, approved his report, especially the provision of assistance in mine clearing by Cambodians.

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In order to enable the Assembly to consider the financing proposals of the Secretary-General that would permit the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia to undertake the added responsibilities, it will be necessary to reopen consideration of agenda item 146, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia".

May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to reopen consideration of agenda item 146?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: At its 3rd plenary meeting, the Assembly allocated agenda item 146 to the Fifth Committee.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes again to allocate agenda item 146 to the Fifth Committee.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: I should like to inform members that the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia relating to its expanded responsibilities for the period from 15 January to 30 April 1992 was issued on 31 January as document A/46/855.

The Chairman of the Fifth Committee will be informed of the decisions just taken.

I should like to inform members that a plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Friday, 14 February, to consider the reports of the Fifth Committee on those three items.

Lastly, we turn to the request contained in document A/46/865.

In her letter, the representative of Samoa requests that agenda item 84, entitled "Special economic and disaster relief assistance", be reopened so

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that assistance to the Independent State of Western Samoa, which was devastated by a cyclone in December 1991, may be considered by the General Assembly.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to reopen consideration of agenda item 84? There being no objection, it will be so decided.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: May I also take it that the Assembly wishes to consider this item directly in plenary meeting?

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: That concludes the General Assembly's business for this morning. I am grateful to all members who arrived on time, and I hope you will be as punctual in future as you were today.

The meeting rose at 10.55 a.m.